

REMARKS

In the above referenced case, claims 347-370 are pending. Applicant will sequentially address the issues raised by the Examiner.

I. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 347-370 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Atarashi et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,172,254 (“ATARASHI”) in view of Konno, U.S. Patent No. 4,497,015 (“KONNO”).

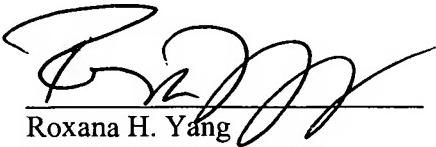
Element [a] of independent claims 347, 353, 359 and 365 has been amended to recite “four or more separate beams, ... all of the separate beams ... having the same selected predetermined orientation of a chosen component of electromagnetic wave field vectors substantially across each beam ....”. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments distinguish all pending claims over ATARASHI in view of KONNO and the application is now in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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